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SUBJECT: US-VIETNAMESE RELATIONS: AMERICANS IN VIETNAM

1. DEPARTMENT HAS POUCHED SEPARATELY A PACKAGE OF ORIGINAL DOSSIERS OF RELATIVES IN VIETNAM, PREPARED BY AMERICAN RED CROSS FOLLOWING DISCUSSIONS WITH VIETNAMESE RED CROSS IN GENEVA LAST MONTH. PACKAGE ALSO CONTAINS ORIGINAL LETTER (WITH FRENCH TRANSLATION) FROM ARC PRESIDENT ELSEY TO VRC PRESIDENT NGUYEN VAN THU.

2. EMBASSY SHOULD DELIVER THESE DOSSIERS AND LETTER TO VIETNAMESE EMBASSY UNDER COVERING LETTER FROM DCM GAMMON TO SRV COUNSELOR TRAN HOAN. TEXT OF LETTER AS FOLLOWS:

DURING OUR MEETING ON NOVEMBER 12, WE DISCUSSED THE POSSIBLE
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DEPARTURE FROM VIETNAM OF THOSE PERSONS WHO ARE CLOSE RELATIVES OF AMERICANS AND WHO REMAIN IN YOUR COUNTRY BUT WISH TO REJOIN THEIR FAMILIES IN THE UNITED STATES. AT THAT TIME YOU ASKED FOR A LIST OF SUCH PERSONS.

I HAVE BEEN INFORMED THAT THE AMERICAN RED CROSS HAS DIS-

CUSSED THIS MATTER WITH THE VIETNAMESE RED CROSS AND HAS DOCUMENTED A NUMBER OF CASES OF SUCH SEPARATED FAMILIES. TO ASSURE SPEEDY AND SAFE HANDLING OF THIS MATERIAL, THE

AMERICAN RED CROSS HAS REQUESTED OUR ASSISTANCE IN FORWARDING THESE DOCUMENTS THROUGH YOUR EMBASSY TO THE VIETNAMESE RED CROSS. I WOULD THEREFORE BE MOST GRATEFUL IF YOU COULD TRANSMIT THE ENCLOSED LETTER AND DOCUMENTS TO THE APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS OF THE VIETNAMESE RED CROSS.

SINCERELY YOURS,

SAMUEL B. GAMMON

3. LETTER AND ENCLOSED DOCUMENTS SHOULD BE HAND-CARRIED BY EMBOFF TO SRV EMBASSY DURING WEEK OF DECEMBER 20.
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